IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re the Application of:) Group Art Unit: 1764
HYNDMAN et al.) Examiner: DOUGLAS
Serial No.: 10/822,507) Confirmation No.: 3041
Filed: April 12, 2004) AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE
Atty. File No.: 2483TE-1)

For: "PROCESS AND APPARATUS FOR TREATING TAILINGS"

Mailstop AF Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Applicants submit this Amendment and Response to address the Final Office Action having a mailing date of January 7, 2009. Applicants do not believe that any fees are owed for the filing of this Amendment and Response. However, the Commissioner is authorized to credit any overpayment or debit any underpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-1970.

Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are shown in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.